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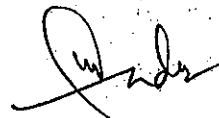
Sub: Review of debarment of Continuous Discharge Certificates (CDCs)-reg.

Continuous Discharge Certificates (CDCs) are issued to Indian seafarers by the Government Shipping Offices of Shipping Masters at Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. The issuance of CDCs is governed by the Merchant Shipping [CDC] Rules, 2001, as amended from time to time.

2. The Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India had, vide its letter No. B-11015/45/95-MT dated 07.02.97, issued guidelines for “Recognition of training institutes in private sector and selection of candidates for pre-sea training in Government/approved trained institutes.” Para 5 of the said guidelines reads, *It is contextually as “responsibility of training institutes to ensure the authenticity /genuineness of the certificates submitted by the candidates for obtaining CDCs, in case the certificates are found to be fake, the candidates shall be debarred for life from taking up a career at sea in Merchant Navy”*. Pursuant thereto, the Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India had vide its letter No. 16(27)/CR/98 dated 24.06.99, conveyed the said directions to the Shipping Masters. Following the same, candidates who were found to have submitted false/fake/forged documents for obtaining CDCs were debarred for life from applying for CDCs. Till date, around 700 candidates have been debarred for life, accordingly.

3. However, in the past few years, this office has since received various requests / representations from applicants so affected for taking a sympathetic view in the matter and to review the said policy of debarment for life.

4. The Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India has since reviewed its said policy, holistically & in perspective, in the light of the other operating laws of the country, best international practices [in this regard] and parity with respect to other certificates issued by it, such as Certificates of Competencies and Certificates of Proficiencies. On considering the foregoing, this office has decided as indicated herein-below.
5. If a candidate is found to have furnished fake/false/forged document(s), alongwith his application for a CDC, then he would be debarred from applying for a CDC for a period of upto five years there from. If any candidate who has already been issued a CDC and subsequently it is found that he had submitted false/fake/forged document(s) for obtaining a CDC then such a CDC shall be suspended for a period of not more than five years. However, before taking such action, the Shipping Master concerned would follow the due process of law & principles of natural justice and pass a speaking order to that effect.
6. If it is found that a candidate had submitted false/forged/fake information for obtaining an admission in a maritime training institute (MTI) and a CDC has been issued to him basis an application made by his MTI concerned, then such a CDC shall be cancelled and he shall be debarred from applying for a CDC. He can apply again only if he becomes eligible for seeking an admission to a MTI. In a case wherein any ineligible candidate has been given admission by a MTI, but where such candidate has not furnished any false/forged/ fake information to seek such an admission, then action shall be taken against the maritime training institute concerned for admitting ineligible candidate(s).
7. This circular would take effect from 15.03.16. Candidates who have completed five years of such life time debarment, as on that date [15.03.16] (those who were debarred on or before 14.03.11) may apply for a CDC and would be issued a CDC, if found eligible.



8. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.



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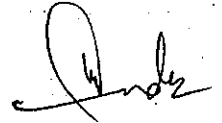
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To;

1. All Principal Officers of MMDs.
2. All Surveyors-In-Charge of MMDs.
3. All Shipping Masters, Govt. Shipping Offices.
4. All DGS, GoI approved maritime training institutes
5. DGS website for hosting this circular therein.

Copy also forwarded for an information to the ;

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2. Sr. PS to the DGS , Jt. DGS, NA, CS and all Branch of this office.



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